

(begin part 1)***You are writing a paper on gun control and want to incorporate the information you have from an article by Ostlind. You are beginning a paragraph to talk about his article. This is what you have so far:*

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And now you want to paraphrase. This is from page 12 of Ostlind's text:

In the U.S. there are approximately 200 million privately owned guns, which is statistically close to a gun per person and places more than one gun per home on average. In other words, guns are all around. This affects, without a doubt, the whole societal structure and the citizens that live within its boundaries. The children that live within a gun infested society are going to suffer the consequences. In fact, kids between the ages 16 and 19 have the highest handgun victimization rate among all age groups. It's not hard to understand why, since there is, on average, more than one gun per household; kids are likely to find firearms and in some cases even use them. In March 1998 two children, 11 and 13 years of age, gunned down a total of 13 people in a school in Jonesboro, Arkansas. Of the 13, nine survived and five people, classmates and a teacher, died as a result of the shooting. One of the boys had taken two rifles from his grandfather. They positioned themselves about 100 yards from the schoolyard and, when the bell for recession sounded and people started to exit the school building, the two boys opened fire. This is a horrendous event that proves that if guns are present within a household or within a family, odds are that kids will know where they are kept and perhaps even be curious enough to actually use them.

You want to include the number of guns—200 million—and that makes about one gun for every person in the US. Also you want to include that kids 16 to 19 are the victims. Also a bit about the 11 and 13 year olds. What would this look like?

Ostlind is against gun ownership, and the more I read, the more I tend to agree. And this isn't because I don't think people shouldn't be able to hunt. The problem is the number of guns and the young hands that get a hold of them. Ostlind reports a staggering 200 million privately owned guns in the U.S., which is one gun per person and more than one per home. He also notes that these guns are not just for hunters or adults, and that adults aren't the ones getting hurt the most by guns. In fact, kids between the ages of 16 and 19 are the most likely victims of gun crime. Or even younger. Like the two children, 11 and 13 years of age, that gunned down a total of 13 people at their school in Arkansas in 1998 using their grandpa's rifles. This alone should be enough to make us want to do something, make some changes, fix the gun problem in whatever way we can (12). ** (end part 1)

(begin part 2) ## *Seem fine? Well it's not. There is plagiarism going on here. Take a look at the following, where everything highlighted is directly from the author—called plagiarism:*

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One way to fix this is to put "quotation marks" around all the author's words, so it would look like this:

Ostlind is against gun ownership, and the more I read, the more I tend to agree. And this isn't because I don't think people shouldn't be able to hunt. The problem is the number of guns and the young hands that get a hold of them. Ostlind reports a staggering "200 million privately owned guns" in the U.S., which is one "gun per person" and more than one per home (Ostlind 12). He also notes that these guns are not just for hunters or adults, and that adults aren't the ones getting hurt the most by guns. In fact, "kids between the ages of 16 and 19" are the most likely victims of gun crime (12). Or even younger. Like the "two children, 11 and 13 years of age, that gunned down a total of 13 people" at their school in Arkansas in 1998 using their grandpa's rifles (12). This alone should be enough to make us want to do something, make some changes, fix the gun problem in whatever way we can.

This is technically correct, but clunky to read. It's better to find your own words, like the following:

Ostlind is against gun ownership, and the more I read, the more I tend to agree. And this isn't because I don't think people shouldn't be able to hunt. The problem is the number of guns and the young hands that get a hold of them. Ostlind reports a staggering 200 million guns in the U.S., nearly equal to the entire U.S. population. He also notes that these guns are not just for hunters or adults, and that adults aren't the ones getting hurt the most by guns. In fact, he says it's teenagers—kids 16 to 19—that are the most likely victims of gun crime. Or even younger. Like the 11 and 13-year-old boys that Ostlind says killed or injured 13 people at their school in Arkansas in 1998 using their grandpa's rifles (Ostlind 12). This alone should be enough to make us want to do something, make some changes, fix the gun problem in whatever way we can^[mw1]. *see note*

Notice that the citation is STILL THERE. Any time you use another person's info, you cite the source. Notice, too, that the ideas are the same, but the author's words are gone—with a few exceptions. So what exceptions are okay? The rule is that any original or unusual words or phrases of the author's need to be put in quotation marks, but any common or everyday words need not be. All phrases of the author's, however, must be in quotes if they are identical to the author's words.

FYI: "Ostlind" didn't write this and isn't a real person. The text is from a cheater's website that posts term papers for you to plagiarize with. Remember, if you can get it, so can I... ## (end part 2)